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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)

Sir:

Applicant and the undersigned attorney received a Notice of Abandonment dated November 18, 2004 for the above-identified patent application in which the Examiner has indicated that the application was abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on March 19, 2004. Applicant and the undersigned attorney respectfully request withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a) for the following reason.

Applicant and the undersigned attorney respectfully submit herewith a true and accurate copy of the timely-filed Response as filed on April 2, 2004 as evidenced by a copy of the return postcard receipt date stamped by the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) on April 2, 2004.

No fees are believed due with the above filing in accordance with the Rules of the MPEP under 711.03(c)(I). However, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayments in any fees paid to Deposit Account No. 13-0439.

Entry of the attached copy of the Response previously filed on April 2, 2004 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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